

**DETERMINATION AND FINDINGS  
FOR A  
SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT**

**CONTRACT NO:** DCKA-2017-S-0023

**CAPTION:** 31<sup>st</sup> Street NW Bridge over C&O Canal Replacement

**PROPOSED CONTRACTOR:** AECOM

**PROGRAM AGENCY:** District Department of Transportation (DDOT)

**AUTHORITY**

D.C. Code § 2-354.04, 27 DCMR §§ 1304, 1700 and 1701

**FINDINGS**

**1. MINIMUM NEED:**

The Government of the District of Columbia, Department of Transportation (“District”) has an immediate need for the Proposed Contractor to provide design-related construction support services for the above-captioned project. The project is a federal-aid highway project funded in part by the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, under Title 23 of the U.S. Code. The proposed period of performance is Date of Award through six hundred (600) calendar days.

**2. ESTIMATED FAIR AND REASONABLE PRICE:**

The estimated fair and reasonable price is **\$202,681.52**.

**3. FACTS JUSTIFYING SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT:**

(a) The Contractor completed bridge replacement design services for the above-referenced project on September 28, 2018 as the result of a Task Order awarded against the Contractor’s Architectural and Engineering Services (“A/E”) contract. As the Design Engineer of the project, the Contractor became fully responsible for structural design of the subject bridge that will be constructed by the Construction Contractor.

(b) During construction, shop drawings and other engineering documents for construction of the subject bridge that will be submitted by the Construction Contractor shall be reviewed and verified by the Design Engineer of Record for compliance with contract drawings and specifications. The Contractor is the only one capable of verifying its own proposed design accepted by the District.

(c) Upon award of the project, the Construction Contractor proposed an alternative foundation type as a Value Engineering (“VE”) option, for the benefit of the District in terms of time and potential risk. The Value Engineering proposal for an alternative foundation type shall be thoroughly reviewed and compared with the current design as proposed by the Contractor. As the Design Engineer of Record, the Contractor must review and verify the VE proposal and recommend the best design option to the District.

(d) For the above-stated reasons, the District did not conduct a market survey.

#### **CERTIFICATION BY CHIEF ENGINEER**

I hereby certify that the above findings are correct and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

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Date

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Dawit Muluneh, P.E.  
Chief Engineer, DDOT

#### **CERTIFICATION BY AGENCY HEAD**

I hereby certify that the above findings are true, correct and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

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Date

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Jeffrey M. Marootian  
Director, DDOT

#### **CERTIFICATION BY CONTRACT SPECIALIST**

I hereby certify that the above findings are correct and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

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Date

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Jeralyn Johnson  
Contract Specialist  
Office of Contracting & Procurement (OCP)

**CERTIFICATION BY CONTRACTING OFFICER  
AND RECOMMENDATION**

I have reviewed the above findings and certify that they are sufficient to justify the use of the sole source method of procurement under the cited authority. I certify that the notice of intent to award a sole source contract was published in accordance with Section 404(c) of the District of Columbia Procurement Practices Reform Act of 2010 (D.C. Official Code § 2-354.04) and that no response was received. I recommend that the Chief Procurement Officer approve the use of the sole source procurement method for this proposed contract.

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Date

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William E. Sharp, Jr.  
Contracting Officer, OCP

**DETERMINATION**

Based on the above findings and in accordance with the cited authority, I hereby determine that it is not feasible or practical to invoke the competitive solicitation process under either Section 402 or 403 of the District of Columbia Procurement Practices Reform Act of 2010 (D.C. Law 18-371; D.C. Official Code §§ 2-354.02 or 2-354.03). Accordingly, I determine that the District is justified in using the sole source method of procurement.

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Date

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George A. Schutter, III  
Chief Procurement Officer